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1. Egypt



2. Communist China

The drive to restore order is gathering momentum. Mass "rebel" organizations are being dismantled and the Red Guards seem to be in the process of reorganization. Some of the party officials who were violently attacked in recent months are now being rehabilitated.

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3. South Vietnam

[REDACTED] captured documents continue to show growing Viet Cong concern over the government's Revolutionary Development program.

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4. Cuba

The principal conclusions of the National Intelligence Estimate just approved are:

- Castro's revolution has not prospered. Prospects are for only minor economic gains this year and next.
- Increasingly, the regime is keying its hopes to the more distant future when it expects its long-term education and economic programs to pay off.
- Castro will almost certainly persist in encouraging and training foreign insurgents. Poor prospects in Latin America, however, are already causing him to increase his attention to Africa, where opportunities are greater and risks fewer.
- Cuban-Soviet frictions will continue, but the Soviets have little practical choice but to continue backing Castro.
- For the next two years at least, we believe Castro will remain clearly pre-eminent in the Cuban leadership and his hold on power will remain strong.

5. India

Political observers are fascinated at the prospect of a by-election in Bombay that is already being billed as a "battle of fallen giants." The man who barely defeated the acid-mouthed Krishna Menon in last month's election died suddenly on Monday.

Menon, one of the world's bitterest baiters of the US, will presumably try again for a seat in the legislature. There is a good chance that his opponent this time will be S. K. Patil, the powerful Bombay party boss who was defeated in another constituency last month.

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